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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Response to the Office Action on the merits dated September 30, 2003 in the above identified application.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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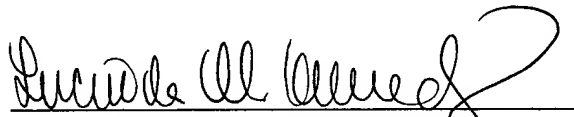
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